

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
April 11, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie Morton	Ed Dacy
Hiede Holmes	Sheryl Knowles
Daniel Mendes	Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Ndifon

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Debbie Zemke, Arts and Recreation Division Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

Sheryl Knowles, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA CONFIRMATION: The agenda was approved 6/0/0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2012 MINUTES: The minutes from the March meeting were approved as amended to change minutes approved at meeting were from February, 2012 - 6/0/0.

BUSINESS:

Overview of Recreation Division

Debbie Zemke shared the Vision and Mission of the Recreation Division. This department offers over 1200 individual programs per year and manages numerous rental facilities. Because 70% of families with children in public schools are below poverty level, Debbie wants to find funds to provide scholarships or subsidies for these families. The teen programs are all heavily subsidized

Cheryl asked for difference in definition between 'adults' and 'seniors'. Debbie noted that seniors have historically been defined as over 55 or retired or needing specific activities, such as knitting and playing cards. However, this distinction has really blurred as people retired or over 55 are healthier, more active, have wider ranging interests and can be still working. So there is no restriction anymore and adults can participate in senior activities and vice-versa.

Jean asked about comparative recreation programs in other local communities. Debbie will get back to us with details. She did note that Normandy Park's program is small and Des

Moines has an after-school program in all elementary schools, whereas Burien just has it in one.

Discussion of Playground Standards for Private Developments –

ASTM standards for playground equipment were distributed before the meeting. Michael would like to request that Burien require developers to follow these standards. Ed noted that insurance regulations for apartments may require these standards. Steve will research as to whether this would be a guideline or a standard. Also he will learn what neighboring cities require. Parks plans to ask the Planning department to include these standards in zoning. Ed is suggesting making these standards available rather than asking the city to require their compliance. Steve does not know of any accidents on playgrounds in Burien.

Updates on Park Projects

Seahurst Park

The funding for the entire project is not in hand, so a phased approach is now under consideration. The Army Corps of Engineers has \$700,000, along with the City share we are looking at a \$1.2M base option. First phase would be to relocate utilities of electricity, water and communications. This will involve replacing the creek crossing and rebuilding the fish ladder, as well as removal of 100 feet of the wall so the creek can daylight out. For more than twice the price, do all of above, remove about 500 ft of seawall from creek south, restore the beach and put in the marsh. With the plan above, closure of the entire park is not required. In order to do next phase, approximately \$1M is additional is necessary. The current schedule shows bid for the first phase in July and start work in August.

Puget Sound Park

Arbor Day celebration was held this morning where a Garry Oak was planted. Daniel and Jean attended and helped shovel. Steve told attendees about the playground and estimated it would be done in June.

Community Garden

Steve is planning orientation for gardeners. If remaining open spots are not taken, he will consider giving another to current gardeners.

Mosier Park

Planning for the field renovation work is proceeding and Myron Clinton is putting together the contracts to do work. This work is scheduled for late June through July.

Discussion of 2011 Annual Board Report

Steve requested input from the Board.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

1. Health and Wellness Programming for all Ages

2. Candidate locations for dog park or off-leash areas , criteria needed for such a facility, demand in community for such a facility
3. Community Garden topics
4. Science and Ecology Education options- current and opportunities – nature clubs

The next meeting is May 9, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Jean Spohn, Secretary